

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-45 were pending in the present application. The present response cancels claims 1-45 and adds new claims 77-124, leaving pending in the application claims 77-124. Consideration of the newly presented claims is respectfully requested.

I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1-45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as containing matter which was not described in the specification, and further under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 1-45 have been canceled from the application, such that the rejections are now moot. The cancellation of claims 1-45 and presentation of new claims are not intended to be, and should not be interpreted as, an acquiescence to the merits of the rejections set forth in the Office Action. Further, the newly added claims do not contain the language that was rejected.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-7, 9, 13-14, 17-18, 20-24, 27, 29-32, and 45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Xu (US 2003/0125225). Claims 1-7, 9, 13-14, 17-18, 20-24, 27, 29-32, and 45 have been canceled from the application, such that the rejection is now moot.

III. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious over the references cited in the Office Action on pp. 4-9. Claims 1-45 have been canceled from the application, such that the rejections are now moot.

IV. Newly Presented Claims

Claims 77-124 have been added to cover different aspects of the present invention. The cancellation of the previously presented claims is intended to expedite allowance of the newly presented claims, and should not be read as limiting the scope of the new claims. These claims are supported by the specification and do not add new matter. Applicants therefore respectfully request consideration of newly presented claims 77-124.

V. Conclusion

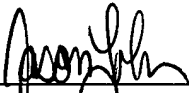
In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Consideration of the newly presented claims and a notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-1703, under Order No. SCP-9410. **A duplicate copy of the transmittal cover sheet attached to this Response to Office Action Mailed January 4, 2005, is provided herewith.**

Respectfully submitted,

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